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Five years ago, July 6, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,337,116,000,000 (Four trillion, three hundred thirty-seven billion, one hundred sixteen million).

Ten years ago, July 6, 1988, the federal debt stood at \$2,554,838,000,000 (Two trillion, five hundred fifty-four billion, eight hundred thirty-eight million).

Fifteen years ago, July 6, 1983, the federal debt stood at \$1,328,674,000,000 (One trillion, three hundred twenty-eight billion, six hundred seventy-four million).

Twenty-five years ago, July 6, 1973, the federal debt stood at \$454,404,000,000 (Four hundred fifty-four billion, four hundred four million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,075,516,619,100.92 (Five trillion, seventy-five billion, five hundred sixteen million, six hundred nineteen thousand, one hundred dollars and ninety-two cents) during the past 25 years.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

##### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the President Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

##### ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 7, 1998, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 731. An act to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial, and for other purposes.

H.R. 651. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 848. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York, and for other purposes.

H.R. 960. An act to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1184. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek Hydroelectric

Project in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1217. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2202. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the bone marrow donor program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2864. An act requiring the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements.

H.R. 2877. An act to amend the Occupational Health Act of 1970.

H.R. 3035. An act to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies.

H.R. —. An act to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 113. Joint resolution approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capital.

The enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2431. An act to establish an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide for the imposition of sanctions against countries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3150. An act to amend title 11, of the United States Code, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC 5802. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Comprehensive Electricity Competition Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S.J. Res. 44. A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 2265. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare coverage of individuals disabled with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), to provide Medicare coverage of drugs used for treatment of ALS, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase Federal funding for research on ALS; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. HELMS):

S. 2266. A bill to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to exempt State and local agencies operating prisons from the provisions relating to public services; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2267. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to grant relief to participants in multiemployer plans from certain section 415 limits on defined benefit pension plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2268. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the research and experimentation tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 2269. A bill to establish a cultural and training program for disadvantaged individuals from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH:

S. 2270. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to raising the level of the Deposit Insurance Fund reserve ratio and with respect to refunds of excess assessments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for Mr. HATCH):

S. 2271. A bill to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and for other purposes; read the first time.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HELMS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. GORTON, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BOND, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. KEMP-THORNE, Mr. KYL, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BURNS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, and Mr. BROWN-BACK):

S. Con. Res. 107. A concurrent resolution affirming United States commitments to Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE):